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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 20-50 are pending in this application.

Applicants note with approval that the only outstanding issue is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection with regard to the claims of U.S. Patent 6,183,834.

Accordingly, Applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer filed on behalf of the Assignee by the attorney of record. The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge the fee associated with the submission of this paper to counsel's Deposit Account Number 503-121. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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